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ON FEBRUARY 24, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A
PUBLIC STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF QUERIES FROM
THE PRESS REGARDING THE TALKS HELD IN ANKARA FEBRUARY
22-23 DURING THE VISIT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND HIS
DELEGATION. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A USIS-PREPARED
TRANSLATION:

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TURKISH AND U.S. TEAMS MET ON FEBRUARY 22-23 TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE U.S.
TEAM WAS HEADED BY MATTHEW NIMETZ, COUNSELOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND THE TURKISH TEAM WAS HEADED BY
AMBASSADOR SUKRU ELEKDAG, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE MEETINGS, WHICH WERE INTENDED FOR DETAILED FOLLOW-UP

OF THE SUBJECTS WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE MEETINGS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE ON JANUARY 20-21, TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF COMPLETE FRANKNESS. THE MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT AN AGENDA AND TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS WERE REVIEWED IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS. THE APPROACH PRESENTED EARLIER BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE FORMED THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS APPROACH, AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE ON THE SUBJECT OF WHAT KINDS OF MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN TO CORRECT AND REVITALIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN IN A STATE OF STAGNATION. THE SUGGESTIONS AND PROGRAMS WHICH WERE CONSIDERED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE SIDES, GIVING ATTENTION TO THEIR POSSIBILITIES, AND WILL BE IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY. FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF PROVIDING BROADER SCOPE AND CONTENT TO THE RELATIONS UNDER TODAY'S CONDITIONS AND TO RAISE THEM TO THE DESIRED LEVEL, THE NECESSITY OF REMOVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS WAS STATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.
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